

FY 2022 MINISTRY TRUST GRANT MEMBER INITIATIVES

The Congregation Grants Committee of the Adrian Dominican Ministry Trust approved \$794,500 for the following 27 Member Initiatives for Fiscal Year 2022. Ministry Trust Grant criteria require an alignment between the funded project and the 2016 General Chapter Enactments and the Mission and Vision of the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Angela House

Houston, Texas

Maureen O'Connell, OP, Board Member Angela House provides safe, drug- and violence-free transitional housing and holistic programs for women re-entering society after incarceration. The grant allows Angela House to continue structured case management for residents while initiating a new program component to provide services at the Harris County Jail. "Angela House on the Inside" will engage incarcerated women in voluntary shame-resilience group therapy sessions, conduct interviews for Angela House applicants, and offer referrals for community services to facilitate re-entry. View <https://youtu.be/KIGyPZn-WA0>.

Centro Santa Catalina

Juárez, Mexico

Patricia Erickson, OP, Board Member

The purpose of the Centro Santa Catalina (CSC) project is to lift women and children from abject poverty and social marginalization by providing activities that relieve participants of severe economic hardships. Ministry Trust funds will be used to strengthen electronic hardware and virtual communication resources while resuming basic programming for the women and children of CSC. The purpose is to create, restore, and expand development of educational, nutritional, entrepreneurial, and life skills by the close of the funding cycle in June 2022. The fund will also help to ensure just wages for Centro staff. View <http://centrosantacatalina.org/about/our-stories/>.

Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee, and Hillsdale Counties, Counseling Center

Adrian, Michigan

Pam Millenbach, OP, Staff

The grant will ensure the continued development of a Counseling Center for Lenawee County for treatment of children who are victims of trauma and abuse. The grant will partially fund critical work in the Child Advocacy Center, where schools, educators, and para-professionals help in the identification, assessment, and treatment of abuse. This will ensure the appropriate level of care and treatment. The 2022 grant funds this new phase of the Catholic Charities counseling program.

Centro Latino of Shelbyville, Inc.

Shelbyville, Kentucky

Patricia Reno, OP, Executive Director

Centro Latino assists the vulnerable Latinx community through programs and advocacy work, providing a haven for the Latinx people and protecting them as they adjust to living in the United States, with its different culture, traditions, and way of life. Centro Latino and the marginalized Latinx in rural Kentucky will continue to benefit from vital programs addressing two of society's greatest issues: poverty and the dignity of life. View https://youtu.be/Wx_k_-K4okk

Covenant Community Care

Detroit, Michigan

Mary Jane Lubinski, OP, Board Member

Detroit continues to have one of the highest infant mortality rates in the country. Leading causes of infant death include birth defects, prematurity, low birth weight, maternal complications, and sudden infant death syndrome. Centering Healthcare Institute – the umbrella organization of Covenant Community Care's Pregnancy, Parenting, and Healthcare program – has data on the effectiveness of its program in eliminating racial disparities and reducing pre-term birth rates. The Ministry Trust grant this year will

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develop a Centering Pregnancy Program in Southwest Detroit, which will continue to provide Behavioral Health services to 25 pregnant women weekly. Some 90% of these women are uninsured. Medical professionals will provide additional time and attention in a group setting with other women who are pregnant.

Earth Law Education Initiative

New York, New York

Elise García, OP, Board Member

A grant to the Earth Law Center (ELC) will support its Education Initiative in its work to secure the passage of new eco-centric laws and court decisions that recognize the rights of nature and the human right to a healthy environment. The organization seeks to ensure that its Earth Law casebook, partially funded by a previous Ministry Trust Grant, is taught in at least five law schools and universities by 2022. ELC will also continue to write amicus briefs in support of litigation securing the rights of nature.

Enfoque la Familia

Detroit, Michigan

*Rosalie Esquerra, OP, Co-founder
and Corporate Secretary*

Enfoque la Familia is the Spanish-speaking counterpart of an amazing youth program, Life Directions, associated with Detroit, Chicago, and San Antonio public schools. The goal of the *Enfoque la Familia* grant project is to train 10 Spanish-speaking families to identify and deal constructively with their trauma. During the grant cycle *Enfoque* will conduct assessments and group sessions to facilitate each individual's awareness. The trained volunteers and ministers will visit each family twice during the year to observe and to teach them to manage their own stressors and conflicts. View <https://youtu.be/cZ-MDg5zj10>.

Friends in Solidarity with South Sudan

Washington, D.C.

Durstyne Farnan, OP, Board Member

Friends in Solidarity with South Sudan collaborates with the Catholic Health Training Institute to support the empowerment of citizens in this young African nation. The grant provides full funding to support six students for one year in a three-year nursing program to train South Sudanese women and men as Certified Midwives and Registered Nurses. The comprehensive training includes practical experience in hospitals and local clinics, as well as trauma healing and peace-making. View <https://vimeo.com/436110879>.

Habitat for Humanity of Lenawee County

Adrian, Michigan

Joanne Peters, OP, Board Member

Habitat for Humanity of Lenawee County will raise funds and hammers to expand the home repair timeframe to meet immediate repair needs that fall outside a limited timeframe funded by other sources. The greatest benefit will be for vulnerable homeowners living at or below 70% of the area median income who do not typically qualify for traditional home-improvement bank loans. The completion of Lenawee County's H4H Faith-Build project was recently featured in *The Daily Telegram*, noting primary support of the project by the Ministry Trust. View https://youtu.be/2OQVEm_SoYs.

HOPE Community Center

Adrian, Michigan

Rosemary Abramovich, OP, Board Member

HOPE Community Center offers participants the opportunity for holistic programs and projects that promote health, wellness, and dignity in a culture of caring and sharing. The center offers excellent programs and support for the life and dignity of marginalized people in Lenawee County. The 2022 grant provides mind-body-spirit classes and activities each week. At the same time HOPE will initiate a "HOPE at Home" program to facilitate

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coaching and learning at home. View <https://youtu.be/NDcw3a8BmGU>.

Hotel Hope MLK

New Orleans, Louisiana

Judith Zynda, OP, Board Member

Supportive services at Hotel Hope MLK take the form of intensive case management for each homeless guest, linking her to services and opportunities with the aim of long-term residential sustainability. The grant allows staff to assist homeless women and their children as they develop resiliency and personal/financial skills and resources, as measured by the 10 Hotel Hope Benchmarks. The aim is to transition the women and their children to safe, permanent housing in 60 days. A former resident has recently been named to the Board of Directors. View https://youtu.be/CORUYC_Njyk

Housing Help of Lenawee Homeless Prevention

Adrian, Michigan

Angela Susalla, OP, Board Member

Jean Tobin, OP, Board Member

Housing Help of Lenawee's Homeless Prevention program provides support to families and individuals in housing crisis who need assistance to overcome barriers to housing and self-sufficiency. Ministry Trust funds will provide funding for safe, affordable housing and support services for four low-income households that are not eligible for government housing assistance. Housing Help will provide temporary financial assistance for 15 households that are unable to meet their rent obligations. Visit www.H2Lenawee.org.

Community Action Agency of Jackson, Lenawee, and Hillsdale Counties

Adrian, Michigan

Joella Miller, OP, Board Member

Community Action Agency of Jackson, Lenawee, and Hillsdale Counties (CAAJLH) offers "Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting By World," to help individuals in poverty develop

resources in a productive manner. The grant provides clients with opportunities to move themselves toward self-sufficiency through financial, social, and emotional resourcing. One graduate wrote, "The Getting Ahead class taught me more about myself, my community and its resources than I could have ever imagined." The funding will also enable the Migrant Services Program to provide much-needed medical, vision, and dental services and prescriptions to seasonal workers in Lenawee County migrant camps.

Maketai, Inc.

Amazon Rainforest

Judith Bisignano, OP, Founder, Board Member

The grant will be used to develop and operationalize an integrated and sustainable reforestation project in the Achuar region of the Amazon rainforest of Ecuador. Maketai will provide the means for the Achuar to germinate and plant 24,000 trees: 8,000 seedlings, 8,000 wildings, and 8,000 nursery-grown saplings in eight villages (1,000 of each per village) between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022, to bring about reforestation, rewilding, and community resilience. The project is designed to reduce human impact on climate change and ecological degradation by supporting ecotourism as an educational tool for conservation and sustainable development of Ecuador's Amazon Rainforest. View <https://vimeo.com/443924028>.

Mercy Housing Northwest

Seattle, Washington

Judy Byron, OP, Board Member

Mercy Housing Northwest (MHNW) enables low-income immigrant and refugee families to attain stable housing, to find employment, and to remain healthy. During the 2022 grant cycle, MHNW will build on memorandum of understanding and data-sharing agreements with local schools to create quarterly challenges focused on grades, attendance, and parental engagement to encourage at-home learning and furtherance of academic goals at four MHNW properties. The hope is to build

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an inclusive community for immigrants and refugees with the larger goal of promoting parental engagement in student learning.

National Coalition for Community Capital (NC3)

South Burlington, Vermont

Corinne Florek, OP

The National Coalition for Community Capital (N3C) was awarded a grant that will serve and support its Community Capital Education Accelerator program. This new organization works to develop innovative ways to encourage people to invest in projects that will strengthen the resilience of their local communities, making our economy more just and inclusive, especially for communities that have been disenfranchised from the current economy. Professionals with many years of experience in community finance will tap the expertise of others in this field to assist communities in achieving their goals. The goal of the project is to develop educational materials and an online resource library on community investment capital that can be shared nationwide with students, professionals, and others.

Northwest Detroit Youth Coalition

Detroit, Michigan

Ellen Schmitz, OP, Board Member

The Northwest Detroit Youth Coalition sponsors two month-long summer camps for youth, ages 5-16, who live in Detroit neighborhoods that suffer from blight, drugs, and violence. The grant provides funds for a part-time staff person to coordinate and manage the summer camp programs. Camp experiences offer participants the opportunity to learn skills and to experience the value of reverencing life by respecting one another. During this grant cycle, respecting all COVID-19 CDC guidelines, Detroit children will have the opportunity for supervised outdoor physical activity and for learning coping and peace-making skills. View <http://youtu.be/LvitSb3mrsY>.

Peace Education Foundation

Miami Shores, Florida

Mary Ann Caulfield, OP, Board Member

The Foundation's Peace Education Initiative with the Dominican family in Latin America works in collaboration with the Confederation of Dominican Sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to teach conflict resolution techniques and violence prevention strategies to Dominican teachers and pastoral leaders in the Dominican Republic. During this grant cycle, trainers will introduce community-building, anger management, communication, and peer mediation techniques and strategies to Dominican schools in the Dominican Republic, a country where violence and corruption are causing harm.

PREPARES

Yakima, Washington

Sharon Park, OP, PREPARES Liaison for Diocese of Yakima

PREPARES will expand outreach to pregnant women and their families in the Hispanic community in five parishes in rural, Spanish-speaking communities after training five additional ministers and 10 volunteers *en español*. Parishes will continue to offer support groups for teen mothers and help marginalized households become more resilient through direct service, vital support, and the opportunity for parents to strengthen their skills. The grant funds provide PREPARES the resources to offer their materials *en español* in the Yakima Diocese.

Resurrection Home, Inc.

Beattyville, Kentucky

Mary Katherine Drouin, OP, Founder and Board Member

Through the Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers program offered by Resurrection Home, Inc., grandmothers who are raising grandchildren receive support and encouragement from one another. The grant funds a monthly support group for the grandmothers. Support meetings nurture, assist, and enrich their lives and the lives

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of those in their charge. The grandmothers rely on what little they have to raise and support their grandchildren. The program is a major means of support for the grandmother child care-givers who have been assisted by Resurrection Home for many years.

River Raisin Institute

Monroe, Michigan

Patricia Benson, OP, Board Member

A goal of the River Raisin Institute's (RRI) Climate Literacy Program is to educate young people about care of Earth. Support from the grant ensures that youth living in the Great Lakes region will have educational resources to become aware of the effects of climate change and pass their knowledge on to their families and the community. The RRI commitment is to teach students in 15 schools about sustainable living and climate change principles, as well as the perils of water pollution and waste. The goal of RRI is to expose the culture, local history, the environment, and the threat of climate change to more than 450 students in the classroom.

St. Ann Place

West Palm Beach, Florida

Patricia Leonard, OP, Associate Director

Staff members at St. Ann Place meet the housing preservation needs of people who are on the brink of homelessness by providing short-term rent and/or utility assistance for individuals or families who are struggling to meet their obligations. The project strengthens short-term housing security for those in danger of losing their homes. The temporary financial assistance provides a safety net, allowing recipients to remain in their homes as they return to solvency. The grant ensures protection of the most at-risk people during a time of unprecedented vulnerability.

St. Kateri Center of Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

JoAnn Fleischaker, OP, Leadership Circle Member

St. Kateri Center serves as a meeting place

for a Native American youth leadership group that comes together with a good mind, *kahiwiyoy*, to make a positive contribution to the urban Native American community and to work toward the betterment of all urban Native Americans. St. Kateri Center employs a mentor for the Native American Youth program. The grant enables an increase in presence for the mentor, helping the Center to continue building leadership among indigenous youth and to help participants to learn Native American culture and traditions, as well as faith in Christ. Youth will gain the confidence they need to facilitate a panel discussion about their youth group experience and the need for more youth programs during the 2022 Urban Native American Conference.

St. Margaret Mary Parish

Winter Park, Florida

Rosemary Finnegan, OP, Staff Member

Sustainable Initiatives for Haiti is a project of St. Margaret Mary Parish. During this grant cycle the parish team will enhance the quality of life for our brothers and sisters in Haiti by assisting them to meet their own needs. The goal is to strengthen the good work the Haitians have accomplished in the community banking arena. The grant will fund a Women's Bank Program and a Commercial Loan Program, sustainable bank programs serving the needs of different populations. The Marriage Program, funded from the interest of the commercial loan program, includes preparation classes, license, ring, joint wedding ceremony for more than 20 couples, and a community reception. Couples are so grateful to then be able to receive the Eucharist and participate fully in parish life.

St. Suzanne Cody Rouge Resource Center

Detroit, Michigan

Cheryl Liske, OP, Board Member

The St. Suzanne Cody Rouge Resource Center was awarded a grant to educate and employ 12-15 low-income Cody-Rouge residents in a green stormwater skills and adult workforce development program. The 5 E's program

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in the St. Suzanne Cody Rouge Resource Center allows participants to take advantage of the on-site, wrap-around services, such as day-care, tutoring, and other social services and community connections which lead participants to success.

Southwest Chicago Homeless Services

Chicago, Illinois

Norine Burns, OP, Volunteer

Southwest Chicago Homeless Service (SCHS) serves people who are homeless or housing-insecure and advocates for those who are homeless. The grant will allow SCHS to continue to assist clients in creating a path to permanent, stable housing. The goal is to provide housing placement assistance to 20 individuals and families seeking rental assistance or housing application fees for permanent housing. SCHS also collaborates

with All Chicago to modify the housing application process.

Springbank Retreat

Kingstree, South Carolina

Trina McCormick, OP

Springbank Retreat will have a face lift as a result of the Ministry Trust grant! The grant will assist the staff as they reimagine Springbank for our changing times, using technology to better reach those who plan a retreat at Springbank and, at the same time, serve those who choose to retreat at home using the rich resources that Springbank provides through technology. Repairs to the infrastructure will prevent further harm to Springbank's freshwater wetlands, and repairs of the retaining wall damaged by Hurricane Matthew five years ago will restore a sheltered habitat for native flora and fauna.

FY 2022 MINISTRY TRUST GRANT CHAPTER INITIATIVE

The Congregation Grants Committee of the Adrian Dominican Ministry Trust approved \$18,500 for the following Chapter Initiative for Fiscal Year 2022. Ministry Trust Grant criteria require an alignment between the funded project and the 2016 General Chapter Enactments and the Mission and Vision of the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Dominican Midwest Chapter

Chicago, Illinois

Julie Flynn, OP, Coordinator

The Restoring Dignity Immigration Initiative offers support for more than 500,000 undocumented immigrants in the Chicago

metropolitan area and in Adrian, Michigan. Dominican Midwest Mission Chapter retains its commitment to walk with immigrants through court watching and peaceful prayer outside Broadview Detention Center. The Ministry Trust grant makes rent available to houses of hospitality where immigrant people are welcomed. The program expanded to include participation in the Chicago Immigrant Transit Assistance program that provides transportation necessities for those released from detention and attempting to connect with families in the United States.